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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. ALL THREE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS FRONTPAGE SECRETARY VANCE'S ARRIVAL AND TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT YESTERDAY. ALL THREE REPORT VANCE'S AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT, AL-AHRAM EMPHASIZING HIS OBSERVATION THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES TO BE OVERCOME, AND AL-AKHBAR AND AL-GOMHOURIYA EMPHASIZING HIS CALL FOR AN EARLY CONVENING OF GENEVA. AL-AHRAM REPORTS THAT SADAT PRESENTED THE EGYPTIAN VIEW OF A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM TO VANCE AT LAST EVENING'S MEETING. AL-GOMHOURIYA REPORTS THAT VANCE BROUGHT WITH HIM DEFINITE AMERICAN IDEAS ON A SOLUTION AND REVIEWED  
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THEM WITH SADAT YESTERDAY AND THAT THESE IDEAS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN DELEGATIONS.

2. AL-AHRAM AND AL-AKHBAR REPORT THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT THE ISRAELIS WILL LISTEN TO ANY PROPOSALS VANCE MAY BE CARRYING WITH HIM BUT THAT THEY WILL NOT DISCUSS THEM WITH

HIM. AL-GOMHOURIYA REPORTS A STATEMENT BY PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS THAT NO VANCE-PLO MEETING IS PLANNED. AL-GOMHOURIYA ALSO REPORTS PLANS TO TELEVIZE THIS EVENING'S SADAT-VANCE PRESS CONFERENCE IN EGYPT AND THE U.S., AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DENIAL OF LIBYAN CLAIMS THAT AMERICAN PILOTS PARTICIPATED IN RECENT EGYPTIAN RAIDS ON LIBYA.

3. IN AN EDITORIAL, AL-AHRAM WARNS THAT IF PM BEGIN SEES THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS AN END AND THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL OBSCURE THE ARAB POSITION, HE HAS MADE A MISCALCULATION. THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT GENEVA IS THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BUT THAT WITHOUT PREPARATION AND SERIOUS EFFORTS THE CONFERENCE WILL FAIL AND PLACE THE REGION ON THE VERGE OF CONFRONTATION. AL-AKHBAR EDITORIALIZES THAT "ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS BEHAVIOR IF IT CHOOSES ARROGANCE AND REFUSES TO RESPOND TO THE PEACE EFFORT AND WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS."  
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